

MY LORDS,

YOU can't but be sensible of the great Zeal I have had for King and Kingdom, but more especially for the *Church of England*, it being the *Purest Religion* in the World, and most agreeable to the *Divine Nature*, and it was no less than *GOD Himself* that planted it by such a Miraculous Power, that it confounded the very Angels, changing *Humanity* into *Divinity*; and this could not be obtained without *Christ's* *sacrificing himself* to appease the *Wrath* of an *Angry God*, that through him *Mortals* might be capable of a *Divine Being*: Therefore all that intend to be saved by *Christ*, are obliged to yield obedience to his *Commands*: And therefore I would intreat you seriously to consider the *Mighty Occasion* that calls you hither (the like has not been known for these many *Ages*) and if *God* does not give you *Wisdom*, you will *wound* instead of *curing*, and hasten our *Ruin*; for I must needs tell you, that it is contrary to the *Principles* of your *Religion*, *To do Evil that Good may come in it*: But *God* may wink at this if you proceed no farther, because he knows that you are but *Men*, and that you had reason for what you did; yet if I had known of it, it should never have been done: for *God* is glorified by the *Faith* and *Patience* of his *Saints*, and it has been the *Practice* of *Christians* in all *Ages* to trust *God*, and to be willing to sacrifice their *Lives and Fortunes* for his *Truth*; and I must needs say, *My Lords*, that most of you have done so too: for if *God* had given the *King* *Victory*, in what a *Condition* would you have been, by running your selves into imminent *danger*, and disgraced your *Religion*, in not going the *Right Way*; but *God* suffered it to prosper, because the *Roman Catholicks* should not attribute their *Victory* to the *Virgin Mary*. But this must not encourage your Lordships to make *False steps*, for if *God* overthrew the *King* for not walking uprightly before him, how much more will he do the *Kingdom*, if that you should prove unkind or ungrateful to the *King*? Though I would not be like the *Ass* to assist the *Lion*, and then be made a *Prey* of, nor yet the *Fox* that delights to see the *Lion* in trouble; but I would be like the *good Samaritan*, that heal'd the *Wounds* by pouring *Oil* and *Wine* into them. For I would have all *Occurrences* of *Fears* and *Jealousies* to be removed on every side, which *His Majesty* might have done, if he had pleased; for I told him the *End* at the *Beginning*, but he would not believe; have a care that you are not *Unbelievers* too: for I never sought any thing but the *King* and *Kingdoms Happiness*; neither do I desire to have any greater glory in this *World*, than to have you *safe* and *happy*, which you all conclude will be in this *Way* which you have taken: but you will be deceived if you be not wise. Not that I would have you be ungrateful to the *Prince*, nor yet in *Slavery*; but as you are *Free-born*, you should keep your selves so: for it was his own *Interest* that brought him hither as well as yours, and it is but reason that he should have *Right* done in that *Matter*; for no body can condemn him for looking after the *Right* of his *Wife*: but all the *World* will highly condemn you to give, or he to receive, the *Right* of the *King*; and you must not think to go unpunished: for why should not *God* be as zealous for his *Laws*, as *Man* is for his; and so exclude you out of his *Kingdom*, as you do the *King* out of his. Besides, I don't think the *Prince* has so much to say against the *King*, as the *People* supposes; but if there were, *God* can pardon them upon *repentance* and *amendment*; for he has declared, *That if your sins be as scarlet, he'll wash you as white as snow*. Therefore take not any thing away from the *King*, only free his *Kingdoms* from *Povery*, and let not that have any *Dominion*: And treat the *Prince* as a *Friend* and *Great Instrument* in assisting towards the Doing of this *Great Work*; and whatever *Good* you receive by *him*, restore it ten-fold in assisting *him* with your *Lives and Fortunes* against *France*, and I don't doubt but by *Gods Blessing*, you will *Conquer* and *Subdue* it; [and from thence to *Rome*:] for I have a great desire to see the *French King*, having *Fasted Fourteen Days* that he should not *Conquer us*: Therefore fear not his *Mighty Army*, for *God* will give you *Victory*, but make hast and do it; for *Gods Hand* as well as this *Kingdoms* will be against it. And in so doing, you will make the *Prince* *Famous* through the *World*; and *You* by your *Wisdom*, *Justice* and *Goodness*, may be *Instrumental* to *Convince* the *Roman Catholicks* of their *Errors*; and so in the *End* obtain a *Universal Peace*, which will be *Our Eternal Glory* not only in this *World*, but in *That to come*: Which that the *Lord* may give you *Wisdom* to obtain, is the *Prayer* of *Your Humble Servant*.

*And Souls Well-Wisher,
ELINOR JAMES.*